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New gains were recorded in the Connecticut economy during May when employment was at an all-time high, unemployment dropped, personal income set a new record and there were fewer claims for jobless benefits, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reports.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Employment reached a new high of 1,607,700, a monthly gain of 10,100 jobs and 40,100 more people working than in May last year (page 2). A slight monthly drop in the factory sector was offset by higher nonmanufacturing employment where the increase to 1,201,200 was up 4 percent from 1985. Construction, at 73,000, added 2,900 jobs over the month and 5,400 from a year ago; trade was up to 359,500 and services employment increased to 369,000. Manufacturing was down from April and May last year, reflecting a major labor/management dispute. With the exception of Willimantic, each labor market area had higher monthly employment (pages 5 & 6).

Factory production worker wages set an hourly record of $9.89, up three-cents from April and 38-cents higher than May 1985 (page 3). Weekly earnings averaged $410.44 for a slightly shorter workweek of 41.5 hours. There was little change in straight-time May wages, $380 weekly and $9.50 per hour, which were 4.2 percent above the same month last year. Workers in the Hartford area earned the highest weekly wage of the four major markets, $425.57, followed by Bridgeport, $421.48; New Haven, $384.35 and Waterbury, $353.64 (page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment decreased by 2,100 to 60,500 (3.5%) in May, down from 62,600 (3.6%) in April and 81,200 (4.8%) last year (page 4). When seasonally adjusted, the 3.7 percent May rate was one-tenth of a point higher than April's 3.6 percent. Both May rates continued substantially under comparable national figures of 7 percent (actual) and 7.3 percent (seasonally adjusted). Unemployment declined in 11 labor market areas, increased in three and was unchanged in Norwalk. Unemployment was down in all 15 labor markets from May 1985 levels. Included in the estimate were people receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose compensation expired and those entering or reentering the labor force. An estimated 22,400 continued claims were being filed for benefits in mid-May, down from 25,800 in April.

Other Indicators: In addition to increased employment and lower unemployment, personal income once again reached a new monthly high of $4-billion, 758.2-million (page 7). Average weekly initial (new) claims for unemployment insurance benefits also dropped in May.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985(R)	% Change May '86 over Apr. '86	% Change May '86 over May '85
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,607,700*	1,597,600*	1,567,600*	+ 0.6	+ 2.6
Manufacturing.....	406,500*	406,800*	413,100*	- 0.1	- 1.6
Durable.....	303,100*	303,500*	310,500*	- 0.1	- 2.4
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,700	7,700	7,600	0.0	+ 1.3
Primary Metals.....	13,800	13,800	14,800	0.0	- 6.8
Fabricated Metals.....	46,400*	46,800*	50,000	- 0.9	- 7.2
Machinery exc. Elec.....	47,800	47,700	50,800*	+ 0.2	- 5.9
Electrical Equipment....	60,400	60,100	60,200	+ 0.5	+ 0.3
Transportation Equipment	84,600	84,700	83,500	- 0.1	+ 1.3
Instruments & Clocks....	27,100	27,400	27,700	- 1.1	- 2.2
Other Durable.....	15,300	15,300	15,900	0	- 3.8
Nondurable.....	103,400	103,300*	102,600	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Food.....	13,600	13,300	13,200	+ 2.3	+ 3.0
Textiles.....	5,900	5,900	5,800	0.0	+ 1.7
Apparel.....	9,300	9,300	9,500	0.0	- 2.1
Paper.....	9,900	9,800	9,800	+ 1.0	+ 1.0
Printing & Publishing...	27,300	27,400	26,900	- 0.4	+ 1.5
Chemicals.....	22,900	23,100	22,600	- 0.9	+ 1.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	13,000	13,100	13,300	- 0.8	- 2.3
Other Nondurable.....	1,500	1,400*	1,500	+ 7.1	0.0
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,201,200	1,190,800	1,154,500	+ 0.9	+ 4.0
Construction & Mining....	73,000	70,100	67,600	+ 4.1	+ 8.0
Transportation.....	38,500	38,000	36,900	+ 1.3	+ 4.3
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	14,300	14,200	14,000	+ 0.7	+ 2.1
Other Transportation....	24,200	23,800	22,900	+ 1.7	+ 5.7
Communications.....	19,800	19,700	19,400	+ 0.5	+ 2.1
Utilities.....	12,700	12,700	12,600	0.0	+ 0.8
Trade.....	359,500	355,200	346,100	+ 1.2	+ 3.9
Wholesale.....	83,800	83,600	82,200	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
Retail.....	275,700	271,600	263,900	+ 1.5	+ 4.5
General Merchandise....	35,300	34,900	34,100	+ 1.2	+ 3.5
Food Stores.....	49,200	49,000	46,900	+ 0.4	+ 4.9
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	30,900	30,700	29,300	+ 0.6	+ 5.5
Restaurants.....	82,200	80,000	79,400	+ 2.8	+ 3.5
Other Retail Trade.....	78,100	77,000	74,200	+ 1.4	+ 5.3
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	136,800	135,800	129,000	+ 0.7	+ 6.0
Banking.....	30,900	30,700	29,400	+ 0.7	+ 5.1
Insurance.....	75,000	74,700	71,500	+ 0.4	+ 4.9
Real Estate.....	13,500	13,200	12,100	+ 2.3	+ 11.6
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	17,400	17,200	16,000	+ 1.2	+ 8.8
Services.....	369,000	365,200	353,400	+ 1.0	+ 4.4
Hotels.....	10,900	10,200	9,700	+ 6.9	+ 12.4
Personal Services.....	17,700	18,100	17,100	- 2.2	+ 3.5
Business Services.....	82,800	81,900	77,700	+ 1.1	+ 6.6
Health Services.....	113,900	113,700	110,900	+ 0.2	+ 2.7
Law & Professional.....	28,600	28,600	26,600	0.0	+ 7.5
Educational Services....	35,200	35,000	33,300	+ 0.6	+ 5.7
Other Services.....	79,900	77,700	78,100	+ 2.8	+ 2.3
Government.....	191,900	194,100	189,500	- 1.1	+ 1.3
Federal.....	23,500	23,400	23,000	+ 0.4	+ 2.2
State & Local.....	168,400	170,700	166,500	- 1.4	+ 1.1

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$410.44	$413.13	$395.62	41.5	41.9	41.6	$ 9.89	$ 9.86	$ 9.51
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	424.37	426.54	406.43	42.1	42.4	41.9	10.08	10.06	9.70
Lumber & Furniture.....	325.92	320.54	307.19	42.0	41.9	41.4	7.76	7.65	7.42
Primary Metals.....	475.02	477.48	435.74	45.5	46.0	43.1	10.44	10.38	10.11
Fabricated Metals.....	394.17	393.44	367.28	41.8	41.9	41.5	9.43	9.39	8.85
Machinery.....	464.81	460.47	442.47	43.4	43.4	43.0	10.71	10.61	10.29
Electrical Equipment.....	348.16	347.35	335.38	41.3	41.4	40.9	8.43	8.39	8.20
Transportation Equipment.....	504.61	517.59	501.17	41.6	42.6	42.4	12.13	12.15	11.82
Instruments and Clocks.....	388.23	394.74	380.33	41.7	42.4	42.4	9.31	9.31	8.97
Other Durable Mfg.....	382.39	379.39	360.74	41.7	41.6	40.9	9.17	9.12	8.82
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	372.93	374.10	363.53	40.1	40.4	40.8	9.30	9.26	8.91
Food.....	371.94	362.85	393.16	39.4	39.1	43.3	9.44	9.28	9.08
Textiles.....	313.18	314.16	292.73	41.1	41.5	40.1	7.62	7.57	7.30
Apparel.....	231.78	232.10	233.73	36.5	36.9	37.1	6.35	6.29	6.30
Paper.....	450.39	454.37	435.16	43.6	43.9	43.0	10.33	10.35	10.12
Printing and Publishing.....	353.23	351.93	350.68	37.3	37.4	38.2	9.47	9.41	9.18
Chemicals.....	483.94	485.90	459.45	42.6	43.0	42.7	11.36	11.30	10.76
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	335.76	342.38	327.29	40.6	41.4	41.8	8.27	8.27	7.83
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	324.25	310.37	307.38	37.1	36.3	36.9	8.74	8.55	8.33
CONSTRUCTION.....	598.18	583.69	611.20	40.2	39.2	40.0	14.88	14.89	15.28

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	May 1986		Apr. 1986(R)		May 1985(R)	
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	60,500	3.5	62,600	3.6	81,200	4.8
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.7)		(3.6)		(5.0)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	9,600	4.2	10,300	4.5	13,200	5.8
Bristol.....	1,400	3.9	1,500	4.1	2,100	5.4
Danbury.....	3,300	2.9	3,400	3.0	4,400	3.9
Danielson.....	1,900	5.6	1,800	5.3	2,600	7.6
Hartford.....	12,400	3.0	12,600	3.1	17,900	4.4
Middletown.....	1,500	3.1	1,400	3.0	2,000	4.1
Lower River.....	500	2.9	500	3.0	600	3.6
New Britain.....	2,900	4.0	3,000	4.2	3,700	5.1
New Haven.....	9,400	3.5	9,800	3.7	12,600	4.8
New London/Norwich...	5,200	3.9	5,200	4.0	6,200	4.7
Norwalk.....	2,100	2.7	2,100	2.7	3,000	3.8
Stamford.....	3,000	2.5	3,000	2.6	3,600	3.1
Torrington.....	1,600	3.5	1,900	4.0	2,500	5.5
Waterbury.....	5,000	4.9	5,600	5.5	6,400	6.2
Willimantic.....	900	3.3	800	2.8	1,100	4.3
Civilian U.S.						
Total-Actual.....	8,158,000	7.0	8,115,000	7.0	8,011,000	7.0
Seasonally Adjusted....		(7.3)		(7.1)		(7.3)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	May '86	Apr. '86	May '85
All Items.....	326.3	325.3	321.3
Percent Change From.....	xxx	+ 0.3	+ 1.6

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	May'86	Apr.'86	May'85(R)	Percent Change to May'86 from: Apr.'86	May'85
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	196,330	194,610	190,050	+ 0.9	+ 3.3
Manufacturing	62,660	62,390	63,360	+ 0.4	- 1.1
Nonmanufacturing	133,670	132,220	126,690	+ 1.1	+ 5.5
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	24,770	24,750	24,770	+ 0.1	0.0
Manufacturing	8,560	8,650	9,220	- 1.0	- 7.2
Nonmanufacturing	16,210	16,100	15,550	+ 0.7	+ 4.2
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	81,210	80,670	78,510	+ 0.7	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	26,170	26,290	26,950	- 0.5	- 2.9
Nonmanufacturing	55,040	54,380	51,560	+ 1.2	+ 6.7
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,830	22,640	21,990	+ 0.8	+ 3.8
Manufacturing	9,430	9,410	9,370	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Nonmanufacturing	13,400	13,230	12,620	+ 1.3	+ 6.2
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	458,030*	454,320*	443,540*	+ 0.8	+ 3.3
Manufacturing	92,850*	92,910*	93,730*	- 0.1	- 0.9
Nonmanufacturing	365,180	361,410	349,810	+ 1.0	+ 4.4
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	42,220	42,070	40,950	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
Manufacturing	10,440	10,500	10,110	- 0.6	+ 3.3
Nonmanufacturing	31,780	31,570	30,840	+ 0.7	+ 3.0
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	13,540	13,290	13,270	+ 1.9	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	4,560	4,570	4,750	- 0.2	- 4.0
Nonmanufacturing	8,980	8,720	8,520	+ 3.0	+ 5.4
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	63,550	63,530	62,940	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	22,000	22,200	23,270	- 0.9	- 5.5
Nonmanufacturing	41,550	41,330	39,670	+ 0.5	+ 4.7
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	242,070	240,410*(R)	237,400	+ 0.7	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	47,110	47,150*	48,180	- 0.1	- 2.2
Nonmanufacturing	194,960	193,260(R)	189,220	+ 0.9	+ 3.0
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	116,080	114,650	114,380	+ 1.2	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	34,660	34,700	35,510	- 0.1	- 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	80,420	79,950	78,870	+ 1.8	+ 3.2
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	72,460	71,780	70,810	+ 0.9	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	21,350	21,300	21,550	+ 0.2	- 0.9
Nonmanufacturing	51,110	50,480	49,260	+ 1.2	+ 3.8
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	123,590	122,950	121,480	+ 0.5	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	26,800	27,300	29,310	- 1.8	- 8.6
Nonmanufacturing	96,790	95,650	92,170	+ 1.2	+ 5.0

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	May'86	Apr.'86	May'85(R)	Percent Change to May'86 from: Apr.'86	May'85
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	30,800	30,340	29,850	+ 1.5	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	6,910	7,080	7,190	- 2.4	- 3.9
Nonmanufacturing	23,890	23,260	22,660	+ 2.7	+ 5.4
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	85,810	84,870	85,650	+ 1.1	+ 0.2
Manufacturing	27,550	27,450	28,930	+ 0.4	- 4.8
Nonmanufacturing	58,260	57,420	56,720	+ 1.5	+ 2.7
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	20,540	22,230	20,160	- 7.6	+ 1.9
Manufacturing	1,700	1,730	1,840	- 1.7	- 7.6
Nonmanufacturing	18,840	20,500	18,320	- 8.1	+ 2.8

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA*
MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985
Bridgeport	$421.48	$431.57	$414.65	41.0	41.9	41.3	$10.28	$10.30	$10.04
Hartford	425.57	430.50	410.89	41.6	42.0	41.8	10.23	10.25	9.83
New Haven	384.35	388.14	375.15	40.5	40.9	41.0	9.49	9.49	9.15
Waterbury	353.64	347.75	339.15	42.2	41.3	42.5	8.38	8.42	7.98

* Implementation of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (Gramm-Rudman-Hollings) has resulted in funding cuts in Federal-State cooperative statistical programs. Because of this, the preparation and publication of factory production worker hours and earnings estimates for Connecticut's smaller labor market areas will be shifted from a monthly to a quarterly basis.

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1985							
Jan....	1532.2	1553.1	7209	4829	5.5	4.8	4452.5
Feb....	1529.7	1553.2	3943	4743	5.6	5.0	4481.3
Mar....	1543.2	1558.8	3375	4654	5.1	4.8	4484.8
Apr....	1557.3	1559.4	3827	4605	4.9	5.0	4480.4
May....	1567.6	1560.7	3513	4634	4.8	5.0	4490.8
Jun....	1582.7	1564.3	4468	4672	5.0	5.1	4506.2
Jul....	1564.0	1570.0	6658	4592	5.3	5.2	4521.6
Aug....	1569.8	1585.9	4360	4831	4.8	5.0	4564.7
Sep....	1583.6	1573.9	2685	4095	4.3	4.8	4579.8
Oct....	1592.7	1581.5	3508	4532	4.2	4.7	4607.5
Nov....	1598.0	1582.6	3484	3889	4.2	4.5	4635.7
Dec....	1601.2	1580.8	6828	3943	4.6	4.6	4652.6
1986							
Jan....	1571.1	1591.8	7749	5190	4.5	3.9	4690.4
Feb....	1568.5	1592.4	3936	4736	4.3	3.8	4717.9
Mar....	1581.1	1597.1	3240	4469	4.0	3.8	4728.8
Apr....	1597.6	1599.2	3422	4118	3.6	3.6	4739.2
May....	1607.7	1601.3	3002	3950	3.5	3.7	4758.2
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1985						
Jan....	8869	10738	42.4	42.3	128.6	124.2
Feb....	10792	14910	42.3	42.3	127.8	123.7
Mar....	20947	18643	42.2	42.[illegible]	128.8	123.9
Apr....	17866	19346	41.9	41.9	127.7	122.8
May....	16611	15787	41.6	41.7	125.6	121.4
Jun....	13322	11205	41.8	41.9	126.7	122.8
Jul....	14158	16062	41.5	41.7	105.7	122.2
Aug....	15383	13216	41.2	41.6	107.8	122.9
Sep....	17175	15667	41.6	41.7	126.4	123.2
Oct....	23513	24287	41.7	41.7	127.4	124.0
Nov....	11821	10058	42.3	42.0	129.5	124.0
Dec....	11690	13543	42.6	42.1	115.6	122.4
1986						
Jan....	17276	20915	42.2	42.2	129.8	125.3
Feb....	11526	15920	41.7	41.7	128.5	124.4
Mar....	11124	9897	41.9	41.9	129.9	125.0
Apr....	27193*	29462*	41.9	41.9	129.8	124.8
May....	13873	13187	41.5	41.6	129.3	124.9
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

* Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid (000)	Employer Contributions Collected (000)
1971	69,403	$ 229,238	$ 63,191
1972	51,737	161,851	92,681
1973	36,314	117,610	114,163
1974	49,255	163,258	124,859
1975	83,971	298,345	140,940
1976	67,864	238,013	164,922
1977	53,699	193,150	177,719
1978	37,220	138,351	189,892
1979	30,876	114,926	181,376
1980	37,463	163,644	174,402
1981	36,507	173,725	167,840
1982	47,952	262,962	183,733
1983	40,251	232,255	201,578
1984	25,428	154,180	238,511
1985	26,449	177,887	249,065
Jan'85	35,726	$ 19,865	$ 7,284
Feb	34,383	19,148	16,465
Mar	31,626	17,506	725
Apr	26,482	15,989	23,796
May	23,399	13,640	108,676
Jun	23,058	11,704	1,253
Jul	28,166	16,390	19,981
Aug	28,186	13,961	39,050
Sep	21,757	11,923	836
Oct	19,713	12,005	9,898
Nov	20,113	10,774	20,391
Dec	24,780	14,978	658
Jan'86	39,301	21,606	7,426
Feb	33,020	19,053	16,808
Mar	30,986	19,496	714
Apr	25,332	15,528	35,043
May	21,832	12,810	90,339
Jun			
Jul			
Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

*Interest bearing

Federal Loans (000)	
1972	$ 31,800
1973	21,700
1974	8,500
1975	203,000
1976	137,000
1977	75,000
1978	37,000
1983	63,806*

Direct Loan Repayments (000)	
1976	$ 26,000
1977	27,300
1978	37,300
1979	39,600
1984	30,876
1985	32,930

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction (000)	
1975	$ 12,906
1981	46,537
1982	49,496
1983	53,975
1984	57,349
1985	61,138
1986 (thru 5/31/86)	59,071

Total Outstanding Loans - (5/31/86)

Non-interest bearing:
$ 42,992,761

Interest bearing:
$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (5/31/86)
$215.1 million

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CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

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July 1986

Overall employment and personal income of state residents set new highs, seasonally adjusted unemployment was unchanged and other improvements were recorded in Connecticut's economy during June, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reports.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Employment expanded between May and June when a record 1,622,600 people were at work (page 2). This was a 14,900 increase from May and a gain of 39,900 (2.5%) jobs since June last year. Manufacturing employment was unchanged from May and down by 1.7 percent from a year ago. Nonmanufacturing added the 14,900 jobs over the month with seasonal hiring accounting for most of the activity. Construction employment at 76,000 was up 3,000 jobs (4.1%) from May and 5,800 (8.3%) from last year. Employment in retail trade went from 275,700 in May to 280,200 in June, up 4.1 percent from a year ago; finance, insurance and real estate increased by 2,600 jobs over the month to 139,400, 6.1 percent higher than last year's level of 131,400, and other advances were in hotel and government jobs. All nonmanufacturing categories recorded annual increases in employment levels.

Earnings of factory production workers averaged $414.66 weekly, a 1986 high, at a record $9.92 per hour, an increase from $410.44 and $9.89 an hour in May and $16.31 weekly and 39-cents an hour above last year (page 3). The average workweek also increased from 41.5 hours in May to 41.8 in June to match the June 1985 figure. Straight-time, 40-hour week earnings also advanced to $380 a week at $9.50 hourly, up from a year ago when the pay was $364.40 and $9.11 respectively. Wages were highest in Middletown at $457.47, followed by New London/Norwich, $449.22; Bristol, $449.01; Stamford, $441.05; New Britain, $437.63 and Hartford, $427.84 (page 6). Construction workers received the highest average weekly pay, followed by those in transportation equipment, chemicals and primary metals.

Unemployment: There was an unemployment increase from 60,500 in May (3.5%) to 65,700 in June (3.7%), due mainly to a larger labor force (page 4). When adjusted for seasonal factors, the unemployment rate in Connecticut remained at 3.7 percent. A year ago, with unemployment at 86,200, the actual and adjusted rates were 5 and 5.1 percent respectively. The June rates for the state remained well under comparable national figures of 7.3 and adjusted to 7.1 percent. With the exeption of Willimantic, New Britain and the lower river areas, each ~~labor~~ market experienced higher unemployment from May. All labor market areas registered decreases from last year. Included in the unemployment estimate are people receiving unemployment insurance benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and those entering or reentering the labor force. There were an estimated 22,100 continued claims filed for unemployment compensation in mid-June, down from 22,400 in May and 23,200 during mid-June 1985.

Other Indicators: In addition to record high personal income, there was improvement in other economic indicators in June, with increased automobile registrations and higher manufacturing output (page 7).

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985(R)	% Change June '86 over May '86	% Change June '86 over June '85
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,622,600*	1,607,700*	1,582,700*	+ 0.9	+ 2.5
Manufacturing.....	406,500*	406,500*	413,500*	0.0	- 1.7
Durable.....	302,900*	303,100*	310,800	- 0.1	- 2.5
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,600	7,700	7,600	- 1.3	0.0
Primary Metals.....	13,700	13,800	14,700	- 0.7	- 6.8
Fabricated Metals.....	46,300*	46,400*	50,100	- 0.2	- 7.6
Machinery exc. Elec.....	47,800	47,800	50,900*	0.0	- 6.1
Electrical Equipment....	60,600	60,400	60,000	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
Transportation Equipment	85,000	84,600	83,800	+ 0.5	+ 1.4
Instruments & Clocks....	26,800	27,100	27,800	- 1.1	- 3.6
Other Durable.....	15,100	15,300	15,900	- 1 3	- 5.0
Nondurable.....	103,600*	103,400	102,700*	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Food.....	13,600	13,600	13,500	0.0	+ 0.7
Textiles.....	5,900	5,900	5,200*	0.0	+ 13.5
Apparel.....	9,300	9,300	9,600	0.0	- 3.1
Paper.....	9,800*	9,900	9,900	- 1.0	- 1.0
Printing & Publishing...	27,400	27,300	27,100	+ 0.4	+ 1.1
Chemicals.....	23,100	22,900	22,700	+ 0.9	+ 1.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	13,100	13,000	13,300	+ 0.8	+ 1.5
Other Nondurable.....	1,400	1,500*	1,400	- 6.7	0.0
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,216,100*	1,201,200	1,169,200*	+ 1.2	+ 4.0
Construction & Mining....	76,000	73,000	70,200*	+ 4.1	+ 8.3
Transportation.....	39,000	38,500	37,400	+ 1.3	+ 4.3
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	14,600	14,300	14,300	+ 2.1	+ 2.1
Other Transportation....	24,400	24,200	23,100	+ 0.8	+ 5.6
Communications.....	19,900	19,800	19,400	+ 0.5	+ 2.6
Utilities.....	12,800	12,700	12,700	+ 0.8	+ 0.8
Trade.....	364,900	359,500	352,000	+ 1.5	+ 3.7
Wholesale.....	84,700	83,800	82,900	+ 1.1	+ 2.2
Retail.....	280,200	275,700	269,100	+ 1.6	+ 4.1
General Merchandise....	35,900	35,300	34,500	+ 1.7	+ 4.1
Food Stores.....	50,700	49,200	48,800	+ 3.0	+ 3.9
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	31,200	30,900	29,600	+ 1.0	+ 5.4
Restaurants.....	83,600	82,200	81,200	+ 1.7	+ 3.0
Other Retail Trade.....	78,800	78,100	75,000	+ 0.9	+ 5.1
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	139,400	136,800	131,400	+ 1.9	+ 6.1
Banking.....	31,900	30,900	30,100	+ 3.2	+ 6.0
Insurance.....	75,900	75,000	72,400	+ 1.2	+ 4.8
Real Estate.....	14,000	13,500	12,600	+ 3.7	+ 11.1
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	17,600	17,400	16,300	+ 1.1	+ 8.0
Services.....	371,000	369,000	356,100	+ 0.5	+ 4.2
Hotels.....	11,500	10,900	10,300	+ 5.5	+ 11.7
Personal Services.....	17,700	17,700	17,000	0.0	+ 4.1
Business Services.....	83,400	82,800	77,600	+ 0.7	+ 7.5
Health Services.....	113,300*	113,900	112,000	- 0.5	+ 1.2
Law & Professional.....	29,200	28,600	27,200	+ 2.1	+ 7.4
Educational Services....	33,700	35,200	31,800	- 4.3	+ 6.0
Other Services.....	82,200	79,900	80,200	+ 2.9	+ 2.5
Government.....	193,100	191,900	190,000	+ 0.6	+ 1.6
Federal.....	23,700	23,500	23,400	+ 0.9	+ 1.3
State & Local.....	169,400	168,400	166,600	+ 0.6	+ 1.7

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$414.66	$410.44	$398.35	41.8	41.5	41.8	$ 9.92	$ 9.89	$ 9.53
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	428.50	424.37	409.63	42.3	42.1	42.1	10.13	10.08	9.73
Lumber & Furniture.....	327.35	325.92	313.83	41.7	42.0	41.9	7.85	7.76	7.49
Primary Metals.....	475.50	475.02	433.73	45.2	45.5	43.2	10.52	10.44	10.04
Fabricated Metals.....	401.43	394.17	375.42	42.3	41.8	41.9	9.49	9.43	8.96
Machinery.....	468.50	464.81	445.22	43.5	43.4	43.1	10.77	10.71	10.33
Electrical Equipment.....	346.88	348.16	335.79	41.1	41.3	41.1	8.44	8.43	8.17
Transportation Equipment....	508.29	504.61	504.56	41.8	41.6	42.4	12.16	12.13	11.90
Instruments and Clocks.....	402.83	388.23	381.27	42.9	41.7	42.6	9.39	9.31	8.95
Other Durable Mfg.....	389.85	382.39	359.26	42.7	41.7	41.2	9.13	9.17	8.72
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	374.79	372.93	364.42	40.3	40.1	40.9	9.30	9.30	8.91
Food.....	383.20	371.94	385.63	40.0	39.4	42.8	9.58	9.44	9.01
Textiles.....	315.12	313.18	294.00	41.3	41.1	40.0	7.63	7.62	7.35
Apparel.....	235.42	231.78	237.89	36.9	36.5	37.7	6.38	6.35	6.31
Paper.....	449.24	450.39	441.81	44.0	43.6	43.7	10.21	10.33	10.11
Printing and Publishing.....	300.41	353.23	351.59	37.7	37.3	38.3	9.56	9.47	9.18
Chemicals.....	475.73	483.94	452.19	42.1	42.6	42.3	11.30	11.36	10.69
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	339.48	335.76	331.33	41.4	40.6	42.1	8.20	8.27	7.87
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	322.73	324.25	321.21	36.1	37.1	38.7	8.94	8.74	8.30
CONSTRUCTION.....	578.10	598.18	603.21	39.3	40.2	39.4	14.71	14.88	15.31

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	June 1986		May 1986(R)		June 1985(R)	
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	65,700	3.7	60,500	3.5	86,200	5.0
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.7)		(3.7)		(5.1)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	10,700	4.5	9,600	4.2	13,300	5.8
Bristol.....	1,500	4.0	1,400	3.9	2,000	5.2
Danbury.....	3,900	3.4	3,300	2.9	5,200	4.6
Danielson.....	2,100	5.8	1,900	5.6	2,500	7.2
Hartford.....	13,900	3.3	12,400	3.0	19,100	4.6
Middletown.....	1,700	3.4	1,500	3.1	1,900	4.0
Lower River.....	400	2.5	500	2.9	700	4.1
New Britain.....	2,900	3.9	2,900	4.0	3,900	5.3
New Haven.....	9,900	3.7	9,400	3.5	13,600	5.1
New London/Norwich...	5,400	4.0	5,200	3.9	6,800	5.0
Norwalk.....	2,600	3.1	2,100	2.7	3,300	4.1
Stamford.....	3,400	2.9	3,000	2.5	4,200	3.6
Torrington.....	1,800	3.7	1,600	3.5	2,500	5.4
Waterbury.....	5,200	5.0	5,000	4.9	6,600	6.3
Willimantic.....	800	2.9	900	3.3	1,200	4.7
Civilian U.S.						
Total-Actual.....	8,775,000	7.3	8,158,000	7.0	8,753,000	7.5
Seasonally Adjusted....		(7.1)		(7.3)		(7.3)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	June '86	May '86	June '85
All Items.....	327.9	326.3	322.3
Percent Change From.....	xxx	+ 0.5	+ 1.7

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Jun.'86	May '86	Jun.'85(R)	Percent Change to Jun.'86 from: May '86	Jun.'85
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	197,690	196,330	190,840*	+ 0.7	+ 3.6
Manufacturing	62,560	62,660	62,790*	- 0.2	- 0.4
Nonmanufacturing	135,130	133,670	128,050	+ 1.1	+ 5.5
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	25,160	24,770	25,100	+ 1.6	+ 0.2
Manufacturing	8,580	8,560	9,180	+ 0.2	- 6.5
Nonmanufacturing	16,580	16,210	15,920	+ 2.3	+ 4.1
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	82,010	81,210	79,810	+ 1.0	+ 2.8
Manufacturing	26,020	26,170	26,990	- 0.6	- 3.6
Nonmanufacturing	55,990	55,040	52,820	+ 1.7	+ 6.0
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,880	22,830	22,390	+ 0.2	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	9,250	9,430	9,540	- 1.9	- 3.0
Nonmanufacturing	13,630	13,400	12,850	+ 1.7	+ 6.1
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	461,710*	458,030*	447,260	+ 0.8	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	93,050*	92,850*	93,890	+ 0.2	- 0.9
Nonmanufacturing	368,660	365,180	353,370	+ 1.0	+ 4.3
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	42,680	42,220	41,240	+ 1.1	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	10,570	10,440	10,140	+ 1.2	+ 4.2
Nonmanufacturing	32,110	31,780	31,100	+ 1.0	+ 3.2
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	13,940	13,540	13,630	+ 3.0	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	4,570	4,560	4,780	+ 0.2	- 4.4
Nonmanufacturing	9,370	8,980	8,850	+ 4.3	+ 5.9
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	64,020	63,550	63,460	+ 0.7	+ 0.9
Manufacturing	22,030	22,000	23,200	+ 0.1	- 5.0
Nonmanufacturing	41,990	41,550	40,260	+ 1.1	+ 4.3
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	243,740*	242,070	239,130*	+ 0.7	+ 1.9
Manufacturing	46,960*	47,110	48,180	- 0.3	- 2.5
Nonmanufacturing	196,780	194,960	190,950*	+ 0.9	+ 3.1
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	118,190	116,080	116,470	+ 1.8	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	34,940	34,660	35,740	+ 0.8	- 2.2
Nonmanufacturing	83,250	81,420	80,730	+ 3.5	+ 3.1
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	73,460	72,460	71,800	+ 1.4	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	21,350	21,350	21,650	0.0	- 1.4
Nonmanufacturing	52,110	51,110	50,150	+ 2.0	+ 3.9
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	125,280	123,590	122,490	+ 1.4	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	26,880	26,800	28,640	+ 0.3	- 6.1
Nonmanufacturing	98,400	96,790	93,850	+ 1.7	+ 4.8

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Jun.'86	May'86	Jun.'85(R)	Percent Change to Jun.'86 from: May '86	Jun.'85
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	31,450	30,800	30,540	+ 2.1	+ 3.0
Manufacturing	6,890	6,910	7,250	- 0.3	- 5.0
Nonmanufacturing	24,560	23,890	23,290	+ 2.8	+ 5.4
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	85,180*	85,810	86,490	- 0.7	- 1.5
Manufacturing	27,780	27,550	29,060	- 0.8	- 4.4
Nonmanufacturing	57,400*	58,260	57,430	- 1.5	- 0.1
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	19,850	20,540	19,510	- 3.3	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	1,710	1,700	1,770	+ 0.6	- 3.5
Nonmanufacturing	18,140	18,840	17,740	- 3.7	+ 2.2

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA* **
MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jun. 1986	May 1986	Jun. 1985	Jun. 1986	May 1986	Jun. 1985	Jun. 1986	May 1986	Jun. 1985
Bridgeport	$426.83	$421.48	$410.82	41.4	41.0	41.0	$10.31	$10.28	$10.02
Hartford	427.84	425.57	413.70	41.7	41.6	42.0	10.26	10.23	9.85
New Haven	389.91	384.35	370.06	40.7	40.5	40.8	9.58	9.49	9.07
Waterbury	355.30	353.64	342.50	42.5	42.2	43.3	8.36	8.38	7.91

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jun. 1986	Mar. 1986	Jun. 1985	Jun. 1986	Mar. 1986	Jun. 1985	Jun. 1986	Mar. 1986	Jun. 1985
Bristol	449.01	455.34	425.58	42.2	42.2	41.0	10.64	10.79	10.38
Danbury	413.86	395.40	392.40	43.2	42.7	43.6	9.58	9.26	9.00
Danielson	357.11	358.56	359.31	41.0	41.5	41.3	8.71	8.64	8.70
Middletown	457.47	453.20	433.42	41.4	41.2	41.2	11.05	11.00	10.52
Lower River	340.70	328.03	314.16	40.9	40.8	40.8	8.33	8.04	7.70
New Britain	437.63	428.45	415.95	41.6	41.8	42.1	10.52	10.25	9.88
New London-Norwich**	449.22	452.09	434.52	41.1	41.4	40.8	10.93	10.92	10.65
Norwalk	405.49	407.18	405.66	41.0	40.8	42.3	9.89	9.98	9.59
Stamford	441.05	428.07	390.93	40.8	41.2	41.5	10.81	10.39	9.42
Torrington	319.19	318.11	316.30	41.4	41.1	41.4	7.71	7.74	7.64
Willimantic	385.05	384.62	377.01	42.5	42.5	42.6	9.06	9.05	8.85

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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***Implementation of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (Gramm-Rudman-Hollings) has resulted in federal cuts in Federal-State cooperative statistical programs. Because of this, the preparation and publication of factory production workers hours and earnings estimates for Connecticut's smaller labor market areas has been shifted from a monthly to quarterly basis.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1985							
Jan....	1532.2	1553.1	7209	4829	5.5	4.8	4452.5
Feb....	1529.7	1553.2	3943	4743	5.[illegible]	5.0	4481.3
Mar....	1543.2	1558.8	3375	4654	5.1	4.8	4484.8
Apr....	1557.3	1559.4	3827	4605	4.9	5.0	4480.4
May....	1567.6	1560.7	3513	4634	4.8	5.0	4490.8
Jun....	1582.7	1564.3	4468	4672	5.0	5.1	4506.2
Jul....	1564.0	1570.0	6658	4592	5.3	5.2	4521.6
Aug....	1569.8	1585.9	4360	4831	4.8	5.0	4564.7
Sep....	1583.6	1573.9	2685	4095	4.3	4.8	4579.8
Oct....	1592.7	1581.5	3508	4532	4.2	4.7	4607.5
Nov....	1598.0	1582.6	3484	3889	4.2	4.5	4635.7
Dec....	1601.2	1580.8	6828	3943	4.6	4.6	4652.6
1986							
Jan....	1571.1	1591.8	7749	5190	4.5	3.9	4690.4
Feb....	1568.5	1592.4	3936	4736	4.3	3.8	4717.9
Mar....	1581.1	1597.1	3240	4469	4.0	3.8	4728.8
Apr....	1597.6	1599.2	3422	4118	3.6	3.6	4739.2
May....	1607.7	1601.3	3002	3960	3.5	3.7	4758.2
Jun....	1622.6	1603.4	3761	3934	3.7	3.7	4780.3
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1985						
Jan....	8869	10738	42.4	42.3	128.6	124.2
Feb....	10792	14910	42.3	42.3	127.8	123.7
Mar....	20947	18643	42.2	42.1	128.8	123.9
Apr....	17866	19346	41.9	41.9	127.7	122.8
May....	16611	15787	41.6	41.7	125.6	121.4
Jun....	13322	11205	41.8	41.9	126.7	122.8
Jul....	14158	16062	41.5	41.7	105.7	122.2
Aug....	15383	13216	41.2	41.6	107.8	122.9
Sep....	17175	15667	41.6	41.7	126.4	123.2
Oct....	23513	24287	41.7	41.7	127.4	124.0
Nov....	11821	10058	42.3	42.0	129.5	124.0
Dec....	11690	13543	42.6	42.1	115.6	122.4
1986						
Jan....	17276	20915	42.2	42.2	129.8	125.3
Feb....	11526	15920	41.7	41.7	128.5	124.4
Mar....	11124	9897	41.9	41.9	129.9	125.0
Apr....	27193*	29462*	41.9	41.9	129.8	124.8
May....	13873	13187	41.5	41.6	129.3	124.9
Jun....	16685	14033	41.8	41.9	130.5	126.5
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

*Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid (000)	Employer Contributions Collected (000)
1971	69,403	$ 229,238	$ 63,191
1972	51,737	161,851	92,681
1973	36,314	117,610	114,163
1974	49,255	163,258	124,859
1975	83,971	298,345	140,940
1976	67,864	238,013	164,922
1977	53,699	193,150	177,719
1978	37,220	138,351	189,892
1979	30,876	114,926	181,376
1980	37,463	163,644	174,402
1981	36,507	173,725	167,840
1982	47,952	262,962	183,733
1983	40,251	232,255	201,578
1984	25,428	154,180	238,511
1985	26,449	177,887	249,065
Jan'85	35,726	$ 19,865	$ 7,284
Feb	34,383	19,148	16,465
Mar	31,626	17,506	725
Apr	26,482	15,989	23,796
May	23,399	13,640	108,676
Jun	23,058	11,704	1,253
Jul	28,166	16,390	19,981
Aug	28,186	13,961	39,050
Sep	21,757	11,923	886
Oct	19,713	12,005	9,898
Nov	20,113	10,774	20,391
Dec	24,780	14,978	658
Jan'86	39,301	21,606	7,426
Feb	33,020	19,053	16,808
Mar	30,986	19,496	714
Apr	25,332	15,528	35,043
May	21,832	12,810	90,339
Jun	22,048	12,974	1,662
Jul			
Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

*Interest bearing

Federal Loans (000)	
1972	$ 31,800
1973	21,700
1974	8,500
1975	203,000
1976	137,000
1977	75,000
1978	37,000
1983	63,806*

Direct Loan Repayments (000)	
1976	$ 26,000
1977	27,300
1978	37,300
1979	39,600
1984	30,876
1985	32,930

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction (000)	
1975	$ 12,906
1981	46,537
1982	49,496
1983	53,975
1984	57,349
1985	61,138
1986 (thru 6/30/86)	60,976

Total Outstanding Loans - (6/30/86)

Non-interest bearing: $ 41,087,615

Interest bearing: $ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (6/30/86) $203.6 million

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Factory vacation shutdowns and other seasonal influences contributed to reduced employment levels and higher unemployment during July, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reports. Elsewhere in the economy, personal income of state residents reached a new all-time high and there were fewer claims for unemployment benefits (seasonally adjusted).

Employment, Wages and Hours: July's nonagricultural employment of 1,605,500 was down from 1,622,600 in June but 41,500 above August 1985 (page 2). Vacation shutdowns were largely responsible for an 11,000 decline in manufacturing employment. In non-manufacturing, there were monthly gains in construction, finance, insurance and real estate and hotel employment and lower government and transportation employment reflecting summer furloughs of school support staff personnel. Compared with last year, overall employment in the state was up 2.7 percent.

Hourly earnings of factory production workers went up from June's $9.92 to a record $9.98 in July (page 3). Average weekly wages of $413.17, down from $414.66, reflected a shorter workweek of 41.4 hours compared with 41.8 in June. Both weekly and hourly earnings were higher than last year when the averages were $397.16 and $9.57, respectively. Adjusted for a straight-time, 40-hour week, July earnings were $9.59 per hour and $383.60 weekly which compared with $9.18 and $367.20 in 1985. The highest weekly wages were paid to construction workers in July, $577.32, followed by those in transportation equipment, $496.13; chemicals, $486.78, and primary metals, $473.85

Unemployment: There was an unemployment increase from June's 65,700 (3.7%) to 72,900 (4.1%) in July, down from 91,200 (5.5%) a year earlier (page 4). The seasonally adjusted rate also moved from 3.7 to 4 percent, remaining well under the 6.9 percent level for the country. With the exception of Middletown and Norwalk, each labor market recorded higher unemployment between June and July but fewer unemployed than during July 1985. Included in the unemployment estimate are people receiving unemployment compensation benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and those entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Personal income of state residents was at a new monthly high of $4-billion, 802-million (page 7) and other seasonally adjusted indicators were mixed, with lower weekly claims for unemployment benefits in July.

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A report on Connecticut's labor force in 1985 is attached.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985 (R)	% Change July '86 over June '86	% Change July '86 over July '85
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,605,500*	1,622,600*	1,564,000*	- 1.1	+ 2.7
Manufacturing.....	395,500*	406,500*	399,400*	- 2.7	- 1.0
Durable.....	294,200*	302,900*	299,100	- 2.9	- 1.6
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,700	7,600	7,300	+ 1.3	+ 5.5
Primary Metals.....	13,100	13,700	13,500	- 4.4	- 3.0
Fabricated Metals.....	42,600*	46,300*	46,300	- 8.0	- 8.0
Machinery exc. Elec.....	46,800	47,800	49,500	- 2.1	- 5.5
Electrical Equipment....	59,300	60,600	58,600	- 2.1	+ 1.2
Transportation Equipment	84,100	85,000	82,300	- 1.1	+ 2.2
Instruments & Clocks....	26,100	26,800	27,000	- 2.6	- 3.3
Other Durable.....	14,500	15,100	14,600	- 4 0	- 0.7
Nondurable.....	101,300*	103,600*	100,300*	- 2.2	+ 1.0
Food.....	13,400	13,600	13,500	- 1.5	- 0.7
Textiles.....	5,600	5,900	4,300*	- 5.1	+ 30.2
Apparel.....	8,800	9,300	9,100	- 5.4	- 3.3
Paper.....	9,600*	9,800*	9,800	- 2.0	- 2.0
Printing & Publishing...	27,000	27,400	27,000	- 1.5	0.0
Chemicals.....	22,800	23,100	22,300	- 1.3	+ 2.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,700*	13,100	12,900	- 3.1	- 1.6
Other Nondurable.....	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,210,000*	1,216,100*	1,164,600	- 0.5	+ 3.9
Construction & Mining....	77,900	76,000	72,600	+ 2.5	+ 7.3
Transportation.....	36,900	39,000	35,200	- 5.4	+ 4.8
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	14,700	14,600	14,200	+ 0.7	+ 3.5
Other Transportation....	22,200	24,400	21,000	- 9.0	+ 5.7
Communications.....	19,900	19,900	19,500	0.0	+ 2.1
Utilities.....	12,800	12,800	12,800	0.0	0.0
Trade.....	363,900*	364,900	351,800	- 0.3	+ 3.4
Wholesale.....	85,100*	84,700	83,400	+ 0.5	+ 2.0
Retail.....	278,800	280,200	268,400	- 0.5	+ 3.9
General Merchandise....	36,300	35,900	35,000	+ 1.1	+ 3.7
Food Stores.....	50,100	50,700	48,300	- 1.2	+ 3.7
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	31,300	31,200	29,800	+ 0.3	+ 5.0
Restaurants.....	82,500	83,600	80,800	- 1.3	+ 2.1
Other Retail Trade.....	78,600	78,800	74,500	- 0.3	+ 5.5
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	140,800	139,400	132,600	+ 1.0	+ 6.2
Banking.....	32,000	31,900	30,400	+ 0.3	+ 5.3
Insurance.....	76,800	75,900	72,800	+ 1.2	+ 5.5
Real Estate.....	14,200	14,000	12,900	+ 1.4	+ 10.1
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	17,800	17,600	16,500	+ 1.1	+ 7.9
Services.....	372,200*	371,000*	358,000	+ 0.3	+ 4.0
Hotels.....	12,300	11,500	11,300	+ 7.0	+ 8.8
Personal Services.....	17,500	17,700	16,900	- 1.1	+ 3.6
Business Services.....	84,000	83,400	78,600	+ 0.7	+ 6.9
Health Services.....	112,500*	113,300*	111,500	- 0.7	+ 0.9
Law & Professional.....	29,100	29,200	27,100	- 0.3	+ 7.4
Educational Services....	32,400	33,700	30,600	- 3.9	+ 5.9
Other Services.....	84,400	82,200	82,000	+ 2.7	+ 2.9
Government.....	185,600	193,100	182,100	- 3.9	+ 1.9
Federal.....	23,600	23,700	23,800	- 0.4	- 0.8
State & Local.....	162,000	169,400	158,300	- 4.4	+ 2.3

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$413.17	$414.66	$397.16	41.4	41.8	41.5	$ 9.98	$ 9.92	$ 9.57
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	423.07	428.50	407.97	41.6	42.3	41.8	10.17	10.13	9.76
Lumber & Furniture.....	325.40	327.35	313.34	41.4	41.7	42.4	7.86	7.85	7.39
Primary Metals.....	473.85	475.50	434.73	45.0	45.2	43.0	10.53	10.52	10.11
Fabricated Metals.....	395.62	401.43	374.82	41.6	42.3	41.6	9.51	9.49	9.01
Machinery.....	468.90	468.50	441.27	43.7	43.5	42.8	10.73	10.77	10.31
Electrical Equipment.....	343.40	346.88	336.61	40.4	41.1	41.0	8.50	8.44	8.21
Transportation Equipment.....	496.13	508.29	494.27	40.5	41.8	41.5	12.25	12.16	11.91
Instruments and Clocks.....	402.14	402.83	387.72	42.6	42.9	42.7	9.44	9.39	9.08
Other Durable Mfg.....	389.34	389.85	359.38	42.0	42.7	40.7	9.27	9.13	8.83
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	382.32	374.79	365.98	40.5	40.3	40.8	9.44	9.30	8.97
Food.....	384.12	383.20	382.87	39.6	40.0	42.4	9.70	9.58	9.03
Textiles.....	308.91	315.12	283.28	40.7	41.3	38.7	7.59	7.63	7.32
Apparel.....	243.00	235.42	245.24	37.5	36.9	38.2	6.48	6.38	6.42
Paper.....	469.95	449.24	447.87	44.8	44.0	44.3	10.49	10.21	10.11
Printing and Publishing.....	365.18	300.41	351.74	38.0	37.7	38.4	9.61	9.56	9.16
Chemicals.....	486.78	475.73	456.42	42.7	42.1	42.3	11.40	11.30	10.79
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	343.17	339.48	327.02	41.0	41.4	41.5	8.37	8.20	7.88
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	338.55	322.73	325.40	37.0	36.1	39.3	9.15	8.94	8.28
CONSTRUCTION.....	577.32	578.10	594.15	39.3	39.3	39.4	14.69	14.71	15.08